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REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Final Office Action dated December 30, 2003, claims 1, 3, 7-9, 11, and 14-20 are pending in the application. Claims 14-20 have been withdrawn. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration. Applicants note the allowability of claims 1, 3, 8, and 9 if rewritten to overcome the objections.

Claims 1, 3 and 7-9 stand objected to for informalities. Applicants have amended these claims as indicated by the Examiner.

Claims 7 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention.

Claim 7 has been amended to be dependent from claim 1.

Claim 11 has been amended to remove the words "compression means" and insert the word guide block. The guide block was originally meant to mean the compression mean. The blades are compressed between the guide block and block so that the blades move inwardly to engage the circuit board. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner for reconsideration of this rejection.

Applicants respectfully believe that all rejections are overcome. Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments, the Examiner is directed to contact the undersigned directly.

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